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## General WACOSS News

### **MEDIA RELEASE: WA Budget Builds Social Housing But Lacks Big Picture, Thurs 14 May 2015**

The Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) has welcomed the central State Budget allocation to public housing as foundational for social wellbeing in WA, but overall the Budget needs to take a longer term view of investment in the social service system.

"While its investment in social infrastructure is very welcome, it has failed to balance that with social services that deliver a return on investment and prevent growth in demand for acute care," said Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS. [Read More...](#)

### **MEDIA RELEASE: WACOSS Welcomes Investment in Social Housing, Mon 11th May 2015**

The Western Australian Council of Social Service welcomed the announcement by the WA Government today of a significant funding injection of \$560m into social housing to deliver an extra 1000 homes by 2017.

"The Council has been highlighting the need for greater investment in social housing in WA to tackle the growing gap in appropriate and affordable housing for our most vulnerable citizens. It was the number one priority in our budget submission to the Government this year," said

Irina Cattalini, CEO of WACOSS today. [Read More...](#)

## **Emergency Relief Conference Program– Registrations close 26th May – Subsidies Still Available!**

The countdown is on for the 2015 WACOSS Emergency Relief Conference to be held on the 3rd and 4th of June 2015! The theme this year is intERgrated sERvices – the path ahead and will focus on the challenges and opportunities of improving individual and family resilience, capability and wellbeing, through integrated service models.

Subsidies are still available for travel and accommodation expenses as well as for the conference registration. In the current landscape collaboration and interagency cooperation is becoming increasingly more important – don't miss this invaluable sector event to upskill, connect and shape the future for ER in WA.

The conference will also include presentations from DSS, Lotterywest, WACOSS and heaps more! For the full program and all of the conference details visit our [conference site](#).

## **Child and Parent Centres - An Update for the Community Sector: 19th Jun**

Every year WACOSS hosts an event to provide an update to the community services sector on the Child and Parent Centres initiative. This years event will feature a presentation from [Dr Tim Moore](#), senior research fellow at Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Manager of the Research and Policy team at the Centre for Child Health at the University of Melbourne. Dr Moore will present on "*Engaging and Partnering with Vulnerable Families and Communities: the keys to effective place-based approaches*".

Dr Moore's presentation will be followed by a panel discussion involving representatives from Child and Parent Centres, the Department of Education and other stakeholders. Please [click here](#) to register.

## **Measuring the Impact of Training**

WACOSS has entered into a partnership with the Centre for Social Impact (CSI) at the University of Western Australia (UWA) to evaluate our training courses. The Learning for Purpose is a ground breaking, national research program investigating the social return on education and training in the Australian not-for-profit sector. For more information, please [click here](#).

## **DropIN Champions' Webinar Training Series Returns**

DropIN, the online collaboration platform set to revolutionise collaboration in the community

sector, returns with its much anticipated advanced training series – DropIN Champions. Champions' Training is a series of three 45 minute training webinars designed to up skill DropIN users so that it can maximise this powerful tool to foster collaboration and to develop meaningful outcomes for our community. For more detail regarding these training sessions please [click here](#).

## **WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars**

- [Introduction to DropIN](#) - Thu 21st May 2015
- [Emergency Relief Essentials](#) - Tue 26th May 2015
- [Human Resource Essentials](#) - Fri 5th Jun 2015 - WEBINAR
- [Writing Winning Grants](#) - Tue 9th Jun 2015
- [Financial Management Strategies for Boards](#) - Thu 23rd Jun 2015 - WEBINAR
- [Intentional Helping Skills](#) - Tue 16th Jun 2015
- [Email & Workflow Mastery for Outlook Users](#) - Thu 18th Jun 2015
- [Child and Parent Centres: An Update for the Community Sector](#) - Fri 19th June 2015  
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[Subscribe](#) to our events alert and keep informed on the latest events and workshops.

## **Sector News**

### **Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week: Mon 26th May**

Reconciliation WA has been working hard with Catholic Education, Caritas, AIME, Follow the Dream and ICEA on behalf of the Bringing Them Home Committee to develop the 2015 Sorry Day on this coming Monday 26th May between 9.45 and 1.45 – and would love you to attend at Wellington Square in East Perth.

National Reconciliation Week begins the following day – Interestingly NRW is bookended by the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the Mabo Decision. This year there are more events to celebrate our First Australians, and acknowledging and respecting our shared history than ever before. [Click on this link](#) to explore some of the significant events happening in WA during this time or contact Reconciliation WA for more information.

Are you hosting an event during NRW? Let Reconciliation WA help you promote it – please send an email with event details to [admin@reconciliationwa.org.au](mailto:admin@reconciliationwa.org.au)

### **Free Copier to be Collected From CommunityWest**

CommunityWest will be replacing its photocopier and would like to offer the current machine to another not-for profit organisation. The copier is in good working order and there are some

supplies of toner cartridges.

The copier is a Canon IRC5035 and is 3 and a half years old it has full colour printing/scanning facilities and it has 4 paper drawers. There is no payment required, however the organisation that takes the machine will have to pick it up from the office Unit 5, 3 Castlegate Way, Woodvale at their own expense. Please contact Leonie Bell on 9309 8134 or by email to [leonie.bell@communitywest.com.au](mailto:leonie.bell@communitywest.com.au)

## **FIFO Focused Communities Workshop: 3rd June**

Ngala and the Shire of Carnarvon invite service providers in Carnarvon to partner with us for a free workshop to begin the exploration of the local needs of long distance commuting families and their use of services. [Read more...](#)

The workshop will cover:

- Fly-in fly-out and drive-in drive-out in your region,
- Issues faced by a commuting worker and their family, and
- Service needs of commuting workers and their families.

## **Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability - Recruiting New Members**

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability (MACD) is advertising for new members. One position will become vacant in June and two more will be vacated in December.

The Council is legislated to represent all perspectives of disability and therefore, applicants will be held on file for a period of two years for possible recruitment as vacancies occur. Members are eligible to complete two terms of two years each and a third term of two years only if they are appointed as Chairperson. All appointments are by the Minister for Disability Services.

More information about the Council and what it is mandated to achieve is on the [MACD website](#).

## **What is Law Access?**

Law Access is a pro bono referral service established by the Law Society of Western Australia that matches applications for pro bono (free, or reduced cost) legal assistance from individuals and not-for-profit organisations to lawyers in the profession. The Law Access services is operated through Law Access Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Law Society.

Law Access helps people who are financially disadvantaged (utilising a means test like Legal Aid), where we assess that their matter has reasonable prospects of success and where Legal Aid or a community legal centre have been unable to help the individual due to their limited resources.

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## **2015 Oceania Tobacco Control Conference – Abstracts Close 29th May**

The Oceania Tobacco Control Conference 2015 committee would like to send a friendly reminder to the tobacco-control and wider health community that abstracts for our October conference will be closing May 29.

Visit our [website](#) for full details on abstract submissions.

## **Connect: Department of Local Government and Communities**

The second volume of Connect features a foreword from the Director General and a summary of the latest news and events. Topics include: A Kick Start for National Youth Week, Women Trade Up, Gosnells' Garden Blooms, Gold Star for Goldfields, Young People Speak Out, Netball Scores a Win, Raising Resilient Kids, Cultural Cartography, Tidy Towns' Clean Sweep, Volunteers in Spotlight and Budget Preparation.

To register for this publication please [Click here](#).

## **Latest Copies of Switched On Available**

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) has recently amended its consumer publication *Switched On*. The publication provides a comprehensive yet clearly presented information source covering issues likely to be of interest to energy consumers. It aims to help residential and small business customers understand their rights and responsibilities in relation to energy without having to consult the underlying legislation.

Hard copies of *Switched On* are available upon request to WACOSS (contact Julie Woods [julie@wacoss.org.au](mailto:julie@wacoss.org.au)) . An online version is available on the [ERA's website](#). A printable version is available under the 'Download Chapters' button.

# Anglicare WA Professional Development Workshops and Customised Training

Anglicare WA delivers events, professional development workshops and customised training for human services organisations across WA.

## Special Events

- [Applying Situational Prevention Principles to Ensure Child Safe Workplaces \(4-5 June 2015\)](#)
- [Complexities and Opportunities in Accountability for Men Who Perpetrate FDV \(2 July 2015\)](#)

## Professional Development

- [Assisting People with the Grieving Process \(28 May 2015\)](#)

## Working with Children Check: Myth Busters

The Working with Children (WWC) Screening Unit delivers regular workshops to provide organisations and individuals with information about meeting their responsibilities under the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004.

This workshop aims to 'bust' many of the myths and misconceptions about the WWC Check and child protection. Attend a free session to find out more about the WWC Check, your obligations and child safeguarding strategies! [Click here](#) to view the 2015 Perth metropolitan schedule.

## Sector Events

### Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) Training and Events Calendar: May - Aug

(WCDFVS) is a state-wide peak organisation committed to improving the status of women and children in society. Please [Click here](#) for their calendar of training and events.

### National Palliative Care Week 2015 - Tues 26th May

The Annual WA Palliative Care Breakfast will be held in three weeks on Tuesday 26 May! The Breakfast is a great opportunity to celebrate National Palliative Care Week, catch up with colleagues and friends, hear new perspectives on palliative care while enjoying a delicious hot breakfast!

This year the focus is on the implementation of advance care planning across the community and within clinical practice and healthcare settings. The Guest Speaker is Dr Craig Sinclair, Research Fellow at the Rural Clinical School of WA, who will present his research findings on 'Improving end of life care in the Great Southern Region through advance care planning'. You can [register online](#).

## **RFWA Calendar of Events – Mental Health Training - May 2015**

Richmond Fellowship of WA is once again hosting internationally renowned experts in recovery, Dr Rachel Perkins OBE, Ron Coleman and Karen Taylor in a number of community and sector training. For further detail please [Click here](#).

## **2015 WA Social Worker of the Year Awards - Mon 8th June**

Finalists for the 2015 WA Social Worker of the Year Awards have now been announced and are listed. Winners in each of the five categories and the overall WA Social Worker of the Year will be announced at the Award Ceremony, for which a limited number of earlybird tickets are now available. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **National Conference on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect - 24-26 June 2015**

It is estimated that approximately 100,000 professional staff within the public service and private sector have become mandatory reporters of child sexual abuse.

The national platform for "The Children a Resource Most Precious: "Collaboration – Communities, Government and Non-Government Organisations Working Together conference 2015, consists of three days of engagement. It is an exciting time for all involved in this conference as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining always flexible, motivated and responsive to the theme for the conference: "Children, young people and families across Western Australian communities: focusing on collaborative prevention strategies, initiatives and programs for minimising harm". [Read More...](#)

## **Indigenous Psychological Services - 2015 Workshops**

Dr Westerman is a descendant of the Njamal people near Port Hedland, WA and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology, a Master's Degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (Curtin University). She has achieved national and international recognition for her innovative approaches to Aboriginal mental health, suicide prevention and for advancing the concept of cultural competency. [Click here](#) to view the popular workshop schedule.

## **Moorditj Yoka Women's Group, Girrawheen May - June**

## 2015

This program is for all Aboriginal women and is full of fun, arts and crafts and activities. While participating at this group you will be yarning, building knowledge, and gaining new skills. Bring along your female family members and friends for a fun filled Sunday afternoon. A light meal is provided. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **AHURi: Motivations and Transitions: Targeting Housing Assistance to Best Support Tenant Outcomes Thurs 11th June**

This event hosted in Adelaide, will explore the motivations and outcomes for tenants navigating the terrain of public housing and the private rental system with particular interest in the incentives, opportunities, issues and disincentives for participation in the workforce. [Click here](#) to download the Pdf.

### **ACA Approved Clinical Supervisor Training 24th - 26th June**

Australian Counselling Association Approved three day training course: Clinical Supervisor Training suitable for Counsellors, Social Workers, School Counsellors, OT's and anyone in the helping professions. Upskill, and gain valuable Professional Development with ACA approved training over three days at very competitive cost. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **15th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology 5th - 9th Jul**

Victimisation, justice and healing: Challenging orthodoxies. The theme is designed to provide a focus on sharing best practice, emerging responses, and critical reflection on contemporary conceptualisations of victimisation and justice in various settings and disciplines – from the world of 'ordinary' crime, to post-colonial and post-conflict settings, and to transnational, cyber and institutional environments. For more information [Click here](#).

### **Better Boards Conference Fri 24th - Fri 26th Jul**

This year's Better Boards Conference Charting New Horizons: Governance with Passion & Purpose, will explore lessons, strategies, tactics and innovations to assist boards, chief executive officers and senior management teams of non-profit organisations to navigate the new reality in which they must operate. [Click here](#) to find out more.

### **2015 WA Early Childhood Education & Care Conference -**

## **Fri 7th & Sat 8th Aug**

Our 2015 conference '1 Voyage' acknowledges that the journey continues and that we are all on the same voyage of discovering what excellence via continuous improvement looks like.

The voyage's destination is ensuring positive outcomes for all children. The word voyage also acknowledges that this may mean we need to sail in new waters and to be brave enough to reflect critically and change our practice when necessary. Our voyage is one of ongoing discovery as the evidence about children's development and learning and the role of families and services continues to build. [Find out more...](#)

## **National Housing Conference: Opening Doors 28th – 30th Oct 2015**

The WA Department of Housing together with the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) are convening the ninth biennial National Housing Conference at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 28 – 30 October 2015. WACOSS's CEO, Ms Irina Cattalini, is also part of the NHC 2015 Program Advisors Group, who are providing their expertise and valuable input into the program. [Click here](#) for more detail.

## **Community Sector Jobs Board**

The following positions are currently advertised on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs Board. [Click here](#) to view the vacancies in full.

- [Family Relationship Centre - Parent Coordinator](#)
- [Reclaiming Our Lives/Changing Tracks - Counsellor, Family and Domestic Violence](#)
- [Anglicare WA - Councillor](#)
- [MercyCare - Coordinator Operations Projects](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House Mission - Crisis Team Leader](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House Mission - Registered Nurse](#)
- [WANADA - Project Officer](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Family Care Worker](#)
- [UnitingCare West - Support Workers](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House Mission - Manager - Homeless & Transitional Support Services](#)
- [HR Coordinator](#)
- [Community First – Program Manager Aged and Disability Services](#)

**If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at [jcho@anson.com.au](mailto:jcho@anson.com.au)**

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